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Partridges OBSERVATIONS

For the Year 1691.

OR,

An Account of divers remarkable Things which ſhall happen in moſt Parts of

EUROPE

Each Month, but particularly in

FRANCE AND IRELAND, &c.

To which is Added

The AUTHOR's Advice upon the Times.

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A Character of the Romiſh *Church-Brood.*

By way of Introduction.

IN *Popiſh times*, ere Prieſt-craft was ſo known,
When *Mother Church* made every Crime her own.
When ſilly Man did Romiſh Bulls obey,
And by *Dull Prieſts* was taught the ſlaviſh way,
Not how to *worſhip*, but like Fools to *Pay*.
When all lay huſh, and that lewd Crew obey'd,
And Man and Beaſt by B——— Prieſts were ſway'd.
Then they gave Laws according to their Luſt,
And none were puniſht but the Good and juſt.
'Twas then a Sin to talk of *Faith* in *Chriſt*,
And a grand Crime to pray without a *Prieſt*.
Drunk and *Prophane* was each a venial Trick;
But if *Religious*, then a *Heretick*.
Nations and *Crowns*, were by their Power ſway'd,
And what Commands they gave, were all obey'd,
Hence ſprung Confeſſions, hence their *Bulls* to ſiles;
All were confeſt, but ſpecially their *wives*,
And by that means *Debaucht* whole Families.
Name all the *curſed Vice* that Nature knew;
See what their *Cloyſters* and their *Nun'rys* do,
There was it known; known! Ay, and practic'd too.
This was the *Church*, moulded by Policy.
That *Knaves* Impos'd and *Fools* were bubled by.
This was the Eleventh Plague ſent down on Men,
Far worſe and yet includes the other Ten.
Theſe were the *Croaking Frogs*, *the Locuſts*, *flies*,
That every where annoy'd their Ears and Eyes.
Theſe were the *Vermin* eat up all that's Good,
That ſtain'd your *Rivers*, and your *Land* with *Blood*.
This was the *Brood* that brought on either hand,
That *univerſal Darkneſs* o're the *Land*.
Theſe were the *Peſt* at firſt to *Mankind* dealt:
The *Rot* and *Murrain* too, the *Cattle* felt.
Theſe much out-did the worſt of *Egypts curſe*,
And if compar'd, you'll find 'em far the worſe.
The veriеſt *Plague* that ever Mortals knew,
They are indeed the *Rod* and *Serpent* too.
Inſtead of all the Plagues had *Popery* come,
Pharoah at firſt would have ſent *Iſrael* home.

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Obſervations upon January.

TAught with a teeming ſtrain of *Engliſh* growth.
My burning Muſe into a Blaze breaks forth,
In ſacred Paſſion; ſcorns to be afraid
Of thoſe vaſt Murders *Pious Rome* hath made
A *Gracious Mother*, Merciful and good,
Her Thoughts are *Murder*, and her Boſom's *Blood*.

Reginæque felicitas Regi.
Proſper Great Prince, *Arm'd with the* Mighty *Name*,
Chaſtiſe your Foes; de Facto Rebels *tame*.

We may remember that there was a ☌ of ♄ and ♂ on the 20th of *November* laſt, which will ſolely influence this whole Winter-quarter; and if my Rules fail me not, I think it doth particularly concern the *French Tyrant*; and *Bonatus* tells you in what; *Significat Bellum, febres*, &c. *etiam cadet inter divites ac Magnatos guerra*. But ſee more of this in my Judgment on the Winter-quarter at the end of this Book. But the ☌ was in ♏, and now ☿ is come to the ſquare of ♄ there. Why ſhould not we have ſome *Raſcally Plot* or contrivance againſt the Government by ſome of our late pious Saints? For from thoſe ſigns it always ſhews ſome *Secret Roguery*.

We may alſo hear of Incurſions in thoſe Countries where Armies are near, or on the *Frontiers Robbing* and *Thieving* by the *Tories* in *Ireland*. And if the ſquare of ♃ and ♂ ſays true, They meet a juſt Reward for ſo doing. *Ob-*

The Prieſts of *Rome* are like their *Mother* true,
Lazy and *Leacherous*, yet obedient too.
Furniſh'd with all the *Vice* that Nature gives;
They are the only *Epicures* that live,
Yet they converſe with God, *Diſperſe* their Prayers;
Confeſs your *Wives*, and alſo get you *Heirs*.

If we conſider the various Poſitions that do attend the laſt Ingreſs and Lunations, we ſhal find that the Affairs of divers Countrys and Kingdoms, are deferred and protracted by the means of Debates and Differences in, and among their Councils, which hinder thoſe things that are of great Conſequence, in order to the Spring-action; and this ſeems to be the fate of *Germany*, the South parts of *Italy*, *France*, &c. *Erunt rixæ atque Diſcordiæ.*

The ☉ lately paſt the ſquare of the laſt ☌ of ♄ and ♂, and ſoon after the ſquare of ♄; this gives Action and Motion not uſual for this Seaſon. I am perſwaded that the *Tyrant* and *Slaves* of *France* feel the Effects of it, becauſe ♂ is now on the point of the ☉*s* direction in his *Nativity*. And beſides this, it gives alſo Alteration and Changes among thoſe of his *Council*, and *Officers* in his *Army* and *Garijons*; for it ſeems, as if he were fearful and apprehenſive, either of ſome Treachery, or defect in duty.

The □ of ☉ and ♄, ſhews the death of ſome Old and Eminent men; and □ of ☿ and ♄, ſhews Conſpiracy.

Ob-

Of all the *Arts* the *Devil* yet made choice,
This thing of *Popery* was his Maſter-piece.
For in Revenge, [with Heaven being at odds]
He taught the *Papiſts* how to eat their *gods*.
Then 'twould not be amiſs, ſince thus they do,
To make clear Work, and *eat* the *Devil* too.

Here you ſee the young Squire, Mr. *Mercury*, is again got to the Square of his old Patron *Saturn*, I dare venture forty to one, that there's a new Plot upon the Stocks again, and you will hear more of it about the beginning, or middle of *April*, *Saturn* is in *Trine* to the *Sun*; but *Jupiter* is in *Aries* with the *Sun*, and *Mars* is in a humane ſign. Let them have a care of the *Weſt-end* of *London*, for ſuch Merchants generally appear at that Exchange to have their Bills accepted. We may alſo hear of ſome ſuch treacherous and perfidious Actions among thoſe truſted by the Princes of the *Empire*, who will alſo receive their Reward in good time.

Moſt Countries ſeem preparing to take the Field; Nay, and I think there are there ſome already, for there ſeems ſome *Battel*, or *ſharp Skirmiſh* about the beginning of *April*, either by Sea or land; and ſome Town or Fort in diſtreſs about this time.

The Councils of *Europe* very cloſe and private and will appear on a ſudden.

Can ye forſwear your Faith, give God the Lye,
Cant with a *Prieſt*, and lay your Reaſon by;
Lay down your Wealth to ſerve the *Church*, and they
That ſuck your Blood, when they pretend to pray?
Can ye be *Prieſt-rid* and be aw'd by threats?
Can ye believe a Crew of plous Cheats?

About this time we ſhal hear News of new *Villanies* and *Robberies*, acted by the *Tories* in *Ireland*, Ravaging the Country, and Plundering the Towns about *Lorrain*, *Burgandy*, perhaps in *Campaigns*, if the Armies can get out ſo early.

At the laſt new ☽, we found all the Planets under the Earth, and ♂ and ♀ in the fourth Houſe, in Square to ♄ in the ſecond. If there is no Plot diſcover'd at this time againſt Their Majeſties, carried on by the *Villanous Papiſts*, and others; there will be ſome Offenders catched as Tranſgreſſors againſt the Government, but I believe the former to be moſt probable, becauſe the Figure of the Ingreſs ſeems to indicate ſome ſuch thing.

Good News arrives in *England*, either of ſome great and conſiderable Action done by the Subjects of that Crown, or elſe of ſome conſiderable Action and Enterpriſe, performed by that Great and Illuſtrious Prince, either by His Council, Perſon, or Conduct; perhaps all three about this time, or a few days later, with good News to the Merchants.

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Can you believe a little *Dow-bak'd God*,
A *Conjuring-Bell*, and a *Good-friday Rod*,
A Lying *Legend*, and a *Prieſtly* Curſe,
A Diſh of *Holy water*, and a Croſs?
When *Rome* grows Rampant, *Hell* it ſelf contrives,
When *Satan* preacheth, *Belzebub* believes.

At the very entrance and beginning of the Month we find an *Oppoſition* of *Mercury* and *Saturn* on the full Moon, and all from *Taurus* and *traiterous Scorpio*; this ſhews that ſome of the *factious* are very buſie in diſperſing of ſcandalous Libles, News, with other baſe and villanous Endeavours againſt our lawful Governours & Government; for theſe Aſpects & Rays are from the twelfth and ſixth Houſes, *&c.* and therefore private and ſecret. But the Conſequence is, what the *Oppoſition* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* gives a Diſcovery of thoſe things, and alſo of divers others, with a ſuitable Reward. About this time there is a Vacancy in ſome conſiderable Place or Poſt, either by Death or Abdication, and indeed both of them are probable, and like to happen among People of good Rank and Quality; ye will alſo ſee ſome ſhew their Teeth that have not power to Bite.

The latter part of the Month ſeems to threaten the City of *London* with ſome new ſort of Feaver; *Ireland* with ſome diſturbance by the *Tories*, and *France* much moleſted about this time from without and within.

What Man can think the *Inquiſition* good,
Where *Church-men* waſh their hands in *Lay-mens Blood?*
Can you adore a *Croſs*, be damn'd in jeſt?
Cheat all your *Senſes*, and believe a *Prieſt*?
Hereticks can't believe: ye're only fit,
True *Slaves* to *Rome* will never queſtion it.

This Month will be ſpent in Negotiations and Preparations for War, and other Affairs of State; as *Embaſſes*, *Curiers*, *Meſſengers*, diſpatched and ſent from *Court* to *Court*, and from one *Prince* and *State* to another: News from *Ireland* of the rout and deſtruction of the Tories and Thieves that live upon the Spoil and Deſtruction of the honeſt and regular Inhabitants.

Some *Town*, *Fort*, or *Caſtle* in diſtreſs and danger, both by an Enemy without, and want within, and is willing to ſubmit upon good Terms. The Principality of *Lorrain* much oppreſſed and diſtreſſed by *Incurſions* and Devaſtations of War; yet *Jupiter* ſupports them in their burdenſome Oppreſſions, and promiſeth Deliverance.

Here ſeems an Inclination of ſome People to Peace, but the Arguments and Cauſes are ſo weak, that there can no ſuch thing be expected yet a while, the Order of Nature is otherwiſe diſpoſed and inclin'd.

Why may not ſome eminent Lady leave her Husbands Bed about this time?

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Should but a *Prieſt* ſay to his *Zealot*, Go,
Murther that *Heretick*, it muſt be ſo;
He dares not ask the reaſon, goes his ways,
The *Father* ſays it, and the *Fools* obeys.
What Man of Senſe, but muſt amazed ſtand,
To ſee *Fools* act what bloody *Rogues* command?

The *Armies* that were drawing together and approaching towards each other laſt Month ſeem now to be in downright good earneſt to fall foul upon one another, to cool their Boiling Blood by giving vent to it; and to this end there is ſome skirmiſhing about the beginning of the Month; but the heat of the buſineſs will be toward the latter end of it; and then, if my Judgment fails me not, there will be much Blood ſpilt in thoſe Countries that undergo the Seat of War: and in thoſe Countries that are at Peace, there Duels and private and publick Murders will be the Effects of theſe and ſuch like Poſitions; and the Places ſubject to theſe Misfortunes & Miſchiefs are, ſome parts of *France*, *Ireland*, *Lorrain*, *Poland*, or the Parts adjacent, *Bavaria*, &c.

This new Moon threatens the *Tyrant* of *France* with thoſe Miſfortunes that an ill Direction brings, as want of Succeſs, a melancholy habit of Body, Diſcontent and unfaithful Servants, to which add an Enemy in his Country.

Methinks the ☌ of ♃ and ♂ in ♉, and they both peregrine, ſhould ſend *Thunderbolts* among the *Clergy* of ſome Countries in *Europe*.

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Conſider *Spain* and *France*, ſee what's there done;
Under what Plagues thoſe Neighb'ring Nations groan!
And all this done by Holy Churches Care:
For where *Prieſts* ſway, be ſure *Oppreſſion*'s there.
'Tis not the Faith they mind, but Force of Laws;
The Loaves and Fiſhes ſway 'em, not the Cauſe.

The laſt *Full Moon* is attended with much Violence, which will continue thoſe violent Actions of the laſt Month to the beginning of this, and in ſome meaſure all throughout it, but in *different Effects*; with theſe you will alſo hear of ſome cloſe clandeſtine Villanies contrived and managed in the dark by ſome of our reſtleſs [tho pretended pious] *plotting Crew*. Do but obſerve the Configurations of this Month, and compare them with the place of the great Conjunction in *October* 1682.

The Square of *Saturn* and *Mercury* will ſend a ſort of *lying* News abroad in the World, which will ſoon be contradicted with a witneſs. Many are the Affairs of this Month, and News arrives from divers Parts beyond the *Seas*, but eſpecially from *France* and *Flanders*. Divers ſorts of Contentions do alſo appear in this Month, and ſome are called before the Bars and Courts of Juſtice to anſwer for notorious Crimes committed.

Some eminent Perſons both in the Law and Religion receive Preferment.

Ob

The flux of Fate that gives us Hopes and Fears,
Sets *Rome* in Triumph, *London* all in Tears:
That *Brood* [by Flames] that made your *City* rue
Will, if they can, next *burn* your *Bodies* too.
Rome's bloody *Bigots*, *London*'s Fate once chang'd;
Yet of a Crew of *Rogues*, but one Fool hang'd.

If we conſider the two laſt *Lunations*, we ſhall find the *City* of *London* to be concern'd in thoſe Poſitions; and that there are ſome Heart-burnings or Diviſions among ſome of its *Governours* and Inhabitants, but the Trine of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* puts an end to it by the timely Advice of a *Jovial* Perſon in the *Government*.

The late Station of *Saturn* in 23 of *Scorpio*, ſeems to have part of its Effect about this time, and that in reference to the Affairs of *France*, and the *Tyrant* thereof, who ſeems to be driven to ſome kind of Neceſſities, either for ſupplies of Utenſils of *War*, or elſe for want of *Money*.

News arrives of ſome *Martial* Enterpriſe performed againſt the Enemy of *Europe*, & alſo of ſome unhappy Diviſion & Difference, either with or about an *Ambaſſadour*, *Meſſenger* or *Agent*; alſo the account of a *City* or *Caſtle* in Diſtreſs for want of common Neceſſaries, and yet ſeems preſerved and defended to a Miracle by the Ingenuity of the *Governour*.

Ob-

Apoſtate Church! a *Faith* built up in *Blood*,
A *lazy Prieſt*, a little ſenſeleſs *God*;
All their *Religion's lies*, its proof's a ſin;
When *Scripture* fails them, *Miracles* comes in.
But ne're forget, nor yet forgive them *Knaves*,
While *martyr'd Godfrey's* Blood for Vengeance craves.

This is a Month full of News from divers Parts of *Europe eaſtward* and *Southward*, and from *Ireland*, *Jamaica*, &c. Weſtward; for in ſeveral of the paſt and preſent *Lunations Mercury* is conſiderably affected by Poſition and Aſpect; and in this Lunation he is juſt turn'd retrograde in Oppoſition to the Moon, and they both in Square to the place of the late great *Conjunction* in *Leo*; hence we may hear of bad News as well as good, that is of *Storms* or *Hurricanes* doing much harm by Sea and Land; Diſputes and Debates about Articles, Statutes, Decrees, *&c.* and ſome Pen-Men ſuſpected, and perhaps accuſed for holding Correſpondency with the Enemy, and betraying the Truſt repoſed in them. Great Preparations making either for ſome ſudden Enterprize or for a Battel but on a ſudden it is either wholly laid by, or deferred till a more convenient time and opportunity. A diſcovery of ſome intricate Villany againſt the State and Government; and ſome *Clergy-man* of the higher Form in evil Circumſtances. Pray what makes all this whiſpering in *London*? Let diſcontented Spirits be quiet.

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reation? What is that? what noiſe you make,
The thing's not ſure: the *Prieſts* that undertake,
Nay! and do more: the *Church* hath here [illegible] *Gods*,
God made but *Man*, but now the *Prieſts* make *Gods*.
Never be bubbl'd by Popiſh Lie,
Rather than that, reſolve Revenge and die.

This Month, tho late in the Year, enters with a frowning angry Brow, as if Nature had deſigned ſome Action for this time that is not uſual for this Seaſon; and to tell you the plain Truth of it, I judge it is ſomething of War, or Action of that nature and quality, and this either ſome ſudden ſurpriſe of a *Town*, *Caſtle*, *Fort*, or ſuch like place; and this ſeems to be the Effect of ſome mature and deliberate Councils; or elſe it makes way and gives occaſion for ſome great Meeting and Convention of Men in order to a further Work.

Ever ſince the ☉ paſſed the twelfth degree of ♏, the City of *London* hath been in a kind of ferment and grumbling among themſelves, and this between the two Parties, of Honeſt Men and Knaves, the *King's* **Friends**, and his ***Enemies***; and towards the end of this Month it is likely to come to a *Chriſis*, and I hope for the better, and yet there is no great likelihood of it, becauſe ♂ is R. in ♊, this ſhews Murmurings and Repinings by a ſort of People impoſſible ♃ be pleaſed, except the Nation be ruin'd.

The *French Tyrant* ſeems bewilder'd and tormoil'd; for ♂ is in ☍ to the ☉, and both in □ to his *Sun's* radical place.

Ob-

Let not *Rome's Court* [how proud ſoe're] expect
O're *Engliſh men* her *lawleſs Laws* t'erect:
Nor let the *Popiſh Brood* think to controul
Our ſingle Atom of a true *Engliſh Soul*;
God loaths their *worſhip*, they hate *Holy write*,
We hate their *Faith*, *Hell* waits to puniſh it.

At the *laſt* new *Moon* there were five of the ſeven in *Conjunction* under the Earth, and at this new *Moon* there are alſo four of them in *Sagittary*, and under the Earth likewiſe: this ſhews that the *Councils* of *Europe* are cloſe and intent on ſome Affairs that concerns the publick Welfare of their Nations and Countries to which they belong and appertain; and as they have all been in *Oppoſition* to *Mars*, ſo it ſhews it is to be done by force of Arms and Power, tho at preſent the Armies and Souldery of Nations are quiet and all is huſh; but will not ſo long continue.

Methinks the ☌ of ♂ and the ☉, and ♂ and ☿, ſhews ſome hanging Work going forward in *London*; and I dare ſay it is about a *plotting Story*; for I am not of *Haly*'s mind, who thinks that the ☌ of ♄ and ☉ doth no Miſchief, and at this time perhaps it may prove true, becauſe of a Diſcovery of them. Some great Men of Repute break & go off in *London*; and perhaps the King's Clemency may pardon an Offender or two, how well they deſerve it I know not; and ſo I conclude the Year; and pray God ſave K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, and confound their Enemies.

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Country-Men and *Protestants*,

IT seems to me more than a common Stupidity among some sort of Men, that at this time when *God* by a peculiar Hand is working our Deliverance from *Popery* and *Slavery*, to see so many using their utmost Endeavour not only to hinder that good Work, but to *clog* the *wheels* and *Instruments* of its Motion in the carrying it on, for the *Honour* of their *Majesties*, the Good of the *Nation*, and the Glory of *God*; and this done by those that confidently profess themselves Protestants, and of the Church of *England*, and some of them of such Trades that ought to teach them better principles. There is one sort *cannot swear* to their *Majesties*, and this because of a *tender conscience*; others cannot [*alias* will not] pray for them; some openly declare for *K. J.* and against Popery, which is real Nonsense; some cry out against a Common-wealth, but the meaning is the common Interest, lest we should agree; some cry up the Bravery of the *French* and abuse the *Dutch*; others they rejoice when any of the King's affairs miscarry, or are so reported, while those more *impudent*, openly speak and act against the King's and *Nation's Interest* and *Honour*; and it is certain, by some of these Signs you may certainly know the Temper of the Men, who still endeavour to carry on the old Game to ruin our *Laws*, *Liberties* and *Religion*, by bringing in a *French* Power, &c. of whom I shall only say that of *Salust* concerning those in *Cataline's Conspiracy*.

Some were such stupid Sots *they would not think*;
Some through affected Ignorance *did wink*;
Some were such Rascals *they believ'd it not*,
And by their Unbelief, *help'd on the* Plot.

When had you a *King* before this that you *durst trust* with your *Liberties* and *Religion*? When had you one that offer'd you to make *your selves free* and *safe*? When had you one that was a *just Executor*, and laid your *Money* out for the use it was given, When had you a *King* that broke his *Rest*, *hazarded* his *Person* and *durst* venture his Life at the Mouth of the *Cannon* for your safety, before this *Prince*? I say, consider this, and then think which is best, *French Fetters*, or *English Liberties*; for now

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it must be one of them, either King *Lewis*, or King *William* and assure your selves, whosoever is an *Enemy* to this *Government* is for the bringing in *Popery*, *French Tyranny*, and all the *Miscarriages* of the two last *Reigns*, which I hope all English Men will oppose with Life and Fortune, in Defence of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, whom God preserve.

Would you be free? root out these restless *Knaves*;
Be *free Men* now, or else *French Fools* and Slaves,
Wear *Chains* and *wooden Shoes*, and dwell in *Caves*.
Look o're to *France*, take there a serious view,
See what *Tyrannick Force* hath brought them too;
Those *very Chains* were fitting up for *you*.
Will you cry up *his Right*, assert *his Power*,
That hath *betray'd you*, and deny'd you yours?
'Tis a short Theam, and every Letter true,
Undo him now, or else he'll *ruin you*.
We're think of *Mercy*; you have too much done;
Yet if you don't do more, you've ill begun.

FINIS.